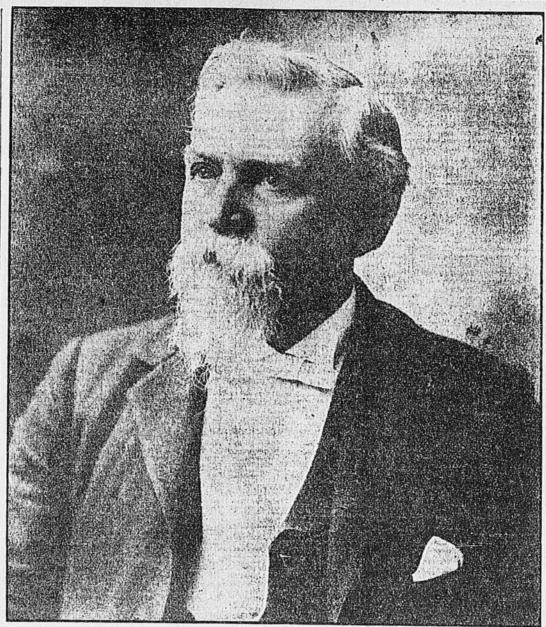
Governor Mann's Message to the General Assembly

Recommends Abolition of Peel System, Beginning With Cities and Larger Counties. Pensions Should Always Be Paid in Full—Uniform Accounting System Needed Throughout the State.

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HON. WILLIAM HODGES MANN.

Principal Points in Message.

The State should have on hand at all times a surplus of not less than \$500,000 with which to meet an emergency.

Payment of pensions should be permitted by the Auditor regardless of the amount of the appropriation for that purpose.

The Governor seems to feel that local option will continue to be the State's policy on the liquor question. He therefore recommends prohibition of shipment of liquor into dry territory. Appropriations should be paid on special warrants, and not drawn by institutions and departments in lump sums.

There should be a uniform system of accounting by all local officials.

There should be supervision of dependent classes, and treatment of chronic inebriates.

Leases of oyster lands should be made to expire on January 1, 1920, and the planting ground then regularly laid off in squares or parallelograms.

The fee system should be abolished-first in cities and in counties of more than 20,000

Laws should be enacted safeguarding the purity of all sorts of elections.

The State needs a new office building, which should be part of the Ford Hotel property.

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Supering general elections.

The necessity for more stringent laws governing general elections must be apparent to those at all conversant with the registration of voters and the conduct of such elections. Men should be obliged, under heavy penalties, to discharge the duties of electoral boards, registrars, judges and clerks of electoral boards would then he able to secure the services of good men and should be required to do so, and a corresponding responsibility should rest on the electoral boards in the appointment of registrars and judges of elections. Registrars and judges of elections. Registrars and judges of elections and persons who in any way assist in the registration of an illegal voter should be held to strict by of the registration lists and ballotboxes, but will put our election methods above suspicion and give assurance that our election returns properly record the will of the people.

One of the most important and efficient to meet present and expanding responsibility and under penalties which will not only protest the sanctive agency of the government is our public school system. It should be carefully watched, as upon it to a very larks extent depends the training of our children and their consequent value of the capital to method the conditions. Here for the capital to method the condition of the state of the condition of the state of the condition of the state of the capital to the condition of the state of the surface as a stic for an office build-ing. Lots in Richmond are rapidly increasing in price and advantage should be taken of this opportunity to purchase the lot indicated if it can be secured at a reasonable price.

Printing and Stationery.

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and from crubs and clams \$1,000,000, making a total of \$7,500,00, and placing Virginia ahead of all the States in the product Fee System.

I am, and have been for years, in favor of paying fair salaries to our level the fees now allowed by law and paying them into the treasury of the State on the first of every month. It think it wise, however, that the State on the first of every month. It think it wise, however, that the State on the first of every month. It think it wise, however, that the State on the first of every month. It think it wise, however, that the State on the first of every month. It think it wise, however, that the said of the State on the first of every month. It there is the said of the State on the first of every month. It is the said of the State on the said of the State on the State. This plan would not involve any possible risk to the finances of the State, but would increase our results of the State of t